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Winding Down?

Steve Donock, Commodore
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For many, the October Annapolis Boat Shows are the mark of the end of another boating season. Then there are the rest of us! As usual I came home (actually, I went straight to my boat) ready to get underway. Unfortunately, I wanted to get underway in that 65-foot Hatteras I saw at the show. Or was it the 70-foot Queenship? In any case by the time you read this we will be toward the end of what I consider one of the finest times of the year for boating. There is less traffic, low humidity and brisk air. A few clubs still have Frostbite Cruises to do and there is the Parade of Lights in December in the Washington Channel for those of us who just can't let go. Let's all enjoy the last few weeks of the season. For some of us, though, the season never really ends, it just slows down a bit.

We can also look back on a very successful year for PRYCA and its member clubs. We had great participation, tremendous fellowship and I know the organization is going to be in good hands as we move toward 1999. Keep watching your mailbox (both the one in front of your house and the one on your desk) for information on upcoming events. The Change of Watch is just around the corner in January and the entire bridge is looking forward to seeing you there.

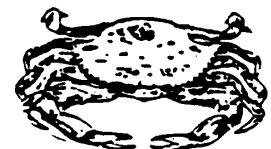
As we move toward the winter months, consider taking a boating safety course if you haven't already. There are many to choose from and even us "old salts" can learn something new that might come in handy next season. Winter is also a good time to take care of some of those chores on the boat you just never got around to during the "real" season. I know my list grows every year around this time. It's

always a great excuse for a trip down to the marina. So, perhaps the season isn't really winding down at all.

From the Vice Commodore

Mark Viehoever

It's been a tremendous boating season this year. The weather was particularly dry and mild (not so good for the farmers though). The PRYCA events all went well starting with the Pre-Blessing Dinner and Blessing which included the tall ship *Endeavour*. I was privileged to send Commodore Donock aboard while I exchanged cannon fire with the vessel. The cardboard boat building contest at the Float-In may have started a new tradition at the event. And Tantallon had one of the most successful End of Summer parties ever. As we move through the fall weeks toward cooler weather, I want to remind the boaters at the north end of the river that we still have another event coming up soon in the Washington waterfront, the 10th Annual Parade of Lights on December 5th, sponsored by the Washington Waterfront Association. As in the past the WWA and its member businesses are putting up cash prizes as well as tickets to restaurants, cruises and other events. A reception at Capitol Yacht Club will follow the parade. I encourage all to resist the temptation to winterize your vessel until after you've participated. Boaters who take part in the parade enjoy a great deal of fun and camaraderie. Information and registration forms will be available at the Delegates meeting November 2nd at Capitol Yacht Club, or call me, or email me at tkfive@aol.com.



From the Editor

Ned W. Rhodes

What a great Fall we are having! We took a boat load of people down river to Captain Billy's Crab House on Pope's Creek this past weekend and it was wonderful. The ride down and back was delightful due to the mild weather. And we even managed to all meet at the correct time, even with the change of clocks.

I have nothing much new from the PRYCA Web site to report on. I could still use some introductory paragraphs from some of the member clubs, but I will try not to whine about it. You know who you are and you are missing out on a good opportunity for linking your site with the PRYCA site. Check out the Web site at <http://members.aol.com/prycanews> and email me at rhodesn@softsysgrp.com with additions or corrections. Note that this newsletter as well as the last few are up on the web site in Adobe PDF format for downloading.

From the Rear Commodore

Monica Lovell

It is time once again to plan for the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association (PRYCA) annual Change of Watch Dinner and Dance. This elegant event will once again be held at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 625 First Street, Alexandria, Virginia on 30 January 1999. A registration packet (including a map) will be mailed to all PRYCA Delegates at the beginning of November. Please make sure that the registration form is included in your club's next newsletter and be sure to point out the registration deadline (10 January 1999). Rooms will be available for \$99.00.

Once again, PRYCA has arranged a beautiful evening to welcome the 1999 PRYCA Board, launch the new year

and keep the camaraderie flowing during the cold winter days. The final arrangements regarding the menu have not been set. A live band will be on-hand to get your cold bodies rockin' and your feet a movin'.

As in previous years, we expect the 1999 Change of Watch to be very well attended and would advise that you make sure your club sends their registration forms and checks to your Delegate as soon as possible.

State Of The Treasury

Steve Wexler

Approximately one year ago, Former Treasurer Harriet Douglas turned over her responsibilities as PRYCA Treasurer to me. It was clearly a daunting task to follow in the footsteps of the Association's Treasurer of ten years.

Clearly everyone remembers Lou Gehrig, the "Iron Man" of baseball—but does anyone remember who took Gehrig's place as the Yankee's first baseman when he finally stepped down? Of course not. I presume his replacement found it much easier to perform his duties following because of the legacy left behind—and so did I.

Many of you have heard my infamous Treasurer's Report:

"We started with some money...

We took some money in...

We spent some money...

We've got some money left."

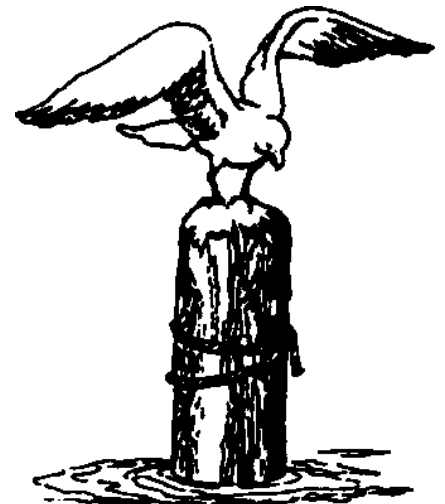
It's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Under the capable leadership of Rear Commodore Monica Lovell and Fleet Captain Phil Bolin, this year's Float-In was a financial success and left PRYCA in a position of being able to fund its Change of Watch Dinner/Dance as well as the other activities during the year. Starting with Safety Day at Mount Vernon Yacht Club, continuing on with the Blessing of the Fleet with parties hosted by National

Potomac and Capital Yacht Clubs, and finishing with the End-of-Summer Party at Tantallon Yacht Club, the PRYCA members have furthered the camaraderie of the Potomac River pleasure boaters. Aquia Harbour, Cobb Island, Swan Point, Colonial Beach and Landmark Yacht Clubs all hosted or sponsored events attended by PRYCA members. Dahlgren hosted a board meeting and Delegates' meeting in September. Prince William and Occoquan Yacht Clubs partied hearty. And the Anacostia River members—District, Eastern, Washington and Seafarers—all helped to make this year a tremendous boating season. [Editor's Note: If I've left out any member clubs in this diatribe I'm sorry—I'll catch you next time.]

I'm still boatless and will probably stay in that sorry condition for a while—Soooo—I'm always looking for invites to go cruisin' with my fellow PRYCA'ers. Have Playmate—will travel!!

The Statement of Financial Condition is enclosed. Hope to see many of you over the Holiday Season—don't forget the inauguration of Queen Penny on December 12th in Annapolis.





From the Fleet Captain

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We must be careful when we are boating. The USCG reports there were 709 fatalities in boating accidents in 1996. Here are a few facts from the USCG on fatalities in 1996. It may help us as we plan activities for the coming year.

Causes of Recreational Boating Fatalities in 1996

<u>Primary Cause of Accident</u>	<u>#Fatalities</u>
Alcohol	107
Careless/Reckless Operation	20
Equipment/Dam/Lock problems	13
Excessive Speed	48
Hazardous Waters	106
Hull Failure/Improper Loading	28
Machinery Failure	7
No Proper Lookout	20
Operator Inattention/Inexperience	80
Other/Unknown	235
Weather	45
Total Fatalities:	709

Is it time to review our charters ... do we plan and train for safety in our activities? Will the next year's schedule of our clubs provide for safety education? It is up to us.

Let's look at what the USCG knows about boater education in those 709 fatalities in 1996.

<u>Where Operator Education is Known</u>	<u>#Fatalities</u>
Education:	50
No Education:	290
Total where USCG knew if there was education:	340
Total where USCG did not know about education:	369
Total Fatalities:	709
% Fatalities on boats where the operator had no education	85%

See you safely on the water. It surely appears that safety education helps!

From a Member At Large
Southern Region Clubs

Wayne Kuster
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As our Boating Season draws to a close, I would like to thank the Clubs that I represent for their active support to me and the PRYCA; and, I'm looking forward to serving you for another year. I was pleased to see how active your clubs were by receiving your Newsletters and meeting with you at some activities.

I would personally like to thank the Dahlgren Yacht Club, their Commodore, Ron Cox, and his members for hosting the September 12th Board and Delegate Meeting at their Club. We had two excellent speakers, and a nice lunch was provided.

We have one nice affair left which is the PRYCA Change of Watch, Dinner, and Dance on January 30th. I hope some of the Southern Area Club Members will attend. If I can be of any assistance regarding this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Report Of The Nominating Committee

Bud Clark

At the Delegates Meeting on 12 September 1998 at Dahlgren Yacht Club, the Nominating Committee reported that the individuals listed below had been selected and placed in nomination as Officers and Board of Directors for the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association for 1999. All nominees have agreed to serve in the positions for which they have been nominated. Election of Officers will take place at the Delegates Meeting at Capital Yacht Club on 2 November 1998 at 7:30 p.m.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>(Yacht Club)</u>
• Commodore	Mark Viehoever	(Tantallon, Washington)
• Vice Commodore	Monica Lovell	(Occoquan)
• Rear Commodore	Phil Bolin	(Aquia Harbour)
• Fleet Captain	Curt Johnson	(Aquia Harbour)
• Secretary	Andrea Storey	(District)
• Treasurer	Steve Wexler	(Occoquan)
• Members at Large:	Tim Abel	(Prince William)
	Skip Eslinger	(Capital)
	Wayne Kuster	(Swan Point)
	Bonnie Breneman	(Mt. Vernon, Occoquan)
• Immediate Past Commodore	Steve Donock	(Mt. Vernon, Occoquan)
(Immediate Past Commodore is ex officio, without nomination.)		

The Nominating Committee is pleased to note the number of volunteers to serve in these positions, the experience of the nominees in PRYCA affairs, and the variety of PRYCA clubs they represent. The Nominating Committee was made up of IPC Bud Clark (Chairman), Past Commodore Dave Goodman, Past Commodore Penny Orth, and Past Secretary Ineke Lavoie.

PRYCA Board Minutes

Saturday, September 12, 1998
Dahlgren Yacht Club

Present: All Officers

Comm. Steve Donock
VC Mark Viehoever
RC Monica Lovell
Secretary Andrea Storey
MAL Wayne Kuster
IPC Bud Clark

MAL Skip Eslinger
MAL Bonnie Breneman
Treasurer Steve Wexler
MAL Tim Abel
Fleet Captain Phil Bolin

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Commodore Steve Donock. He thanked Commodore Dave Bowen for hosting the PRYCA at Dahlgren and for providing lunch between board and delegates meetings.

The minutes of July, 1998 were approved as written.

- Float-In Report

- Capital YC returned their prize (a week at Gangplank) for winning, "The most people in a cardboard boat" Sunday morning because of their proximity to Gangplank. PRYCA will give it as a prize at a future event.
- Waste Management sent a separate bill for delivering the dumpster, however, it is the same amount as last year.
- MAL Eslinger complimented David Donock for all his hard work and excellent seamanship at the Float-In.
- Treasurer Steve Wexler reported that there were 4 persons from 1 club that did not want to partake or pay for the dinner. A rule was incorporated 3 years ago requiring full payment with registration. Because we did not return their registrations, the board decided to not belabor the issue this year. Next year, however, only registrations that include full payment will be accepted, and registrants who do not include full payment will be notified and then canceled if full payment is not received by the July meeting.

- CBYCA Elections – A new Board of Governors was elected at the August meeting, overriding the Nominating Committee's divisive action of nominating 2 persons for one position. The election process is being reviewed by the Board to assure it was legally based.

- New Member Clubs

- The Fort Belvoir YC is completing an application for PRYCA membership for submission in October. IPC Bud Clark will ask Mt. Vernon YC to be their sponsor. Commodore Donock, Treasurer Wexler, IPC Clark and Roger Lavoie of National Potomac YC have attended their meetings.

- Potomac YC at Harbor View Marina has not submitted the application sent to them.

- There has been an inquiry from Gangplank residents regarding starting a YC there. IPC Clark, PC John Robey and VC Voehoever will help in organizing a club. Gangplank has the same situation of non-ownership of docks that Capital and National Potomac YCs have.

- Commodore Donock will present PRYCA Club membership certificates at the Delegates meeting to clubs that did not receive them at the Float-In.

- Bridge Reports will be made at the Delegates Meeting.

New Business

- Newsletter-Please send articles to Ned Rhodes by 10/19 for the October issue.
 - Bridge members should send articles.
 - PRYCA should send articles to CBYCA's Chartroom Chatter for the first quarter.
 - IPC Clark will cover the Nominating Committee Report at the Delegates Meeting.
 - The PRYCA Change-of-Watch is calendared for 1/30/99. Another band that played at the Chesapeake YC and received excellent reviews will be seriously considered as they said they would only charge \$1200 and negotiate lower if The Wright Touch, our contracted band for the last few years, comes in lower.
- MAL Kuster informed us about the magazine, Discover the Tidal Potomac, by Captain Rick Rhodes, that lists all clubs, a vast array of information, some charts, history and much, much more. It is for sale around \$20, but is very hard to find due to limited edition.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.

Respectfully Submitted
Andrea Storey, Secy.



PRYCA Delegates Meeting

Saturday, September 12, 1998
Dahlgren Yacht Club

All PRYCA Officers were present.

Yacht Clubs Represented:

Colonial YC, Del. Charles Mullen	Dahlgren YC, Alt. Del. Donald Erskine
Swan Point YC, Del. Fran Jarrett	National Potomac YC, Del Ineke Lavoie
District YC, Del. Harriet Douglas	Prince William YC, Del. Toby Jarman
Cobb Island YC, Comm Don Thayer	Quantico YC, Del. John Boynton
Aquia YC, Del. Curt Johnson	Washington YC, PRYCA VC M. Viehoever
Mt. Vernon YC, PRYCA Comm S. Donock	Tantallon YC, Comm. Tom Andrews
Capital YC, MAL Skip Eslinger	

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Donock

Welcome and recognition of host club, Dahlgren Yacht Club Commodore Ron Cox and Del Dave Bowen for making the meeting and lunch arrangements.

Following the introduction of the Board, the representative of each club introduced him/herself and other members from their club and gave highlights of the past year and future events. As an aside to this activity, Commodore Donock encouraged all clubs to contact Ned Rhodes, editor of the PRYCA Newsletter as he includes a paragraph for each club in each issue.

RC Monica Lovell introduced the first of two speakers, Fred Hartley, Supervisor of Optical Instrumentation Center, Naval Service Warfare Center (NSWC), who gave the history and current activities of the NSWC with a slide presentation and some cautions for boating safety when passing NSWC on the Potomac. Call 540-653-8791 to check on activity.

The next speaker was Bruce Thomas, Archeologist, Maryland DNR, Maryland Historical Trust, who spoke on "Archeology of dives in the Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay." He showed slides of excavated dives and discussed the process, dangers and benefits of excavating and raising sunken artifacts.

Float-In Report:

- Financial – Treasurer Steve Wexler. After all reconciliations, the PRYCA realized the following profits:

Raffle	\$310
Bar	80
Inventory Sale	945
50/50	<u>271</u>
Total	\$1870

- Events – Fleet Capt. Phil Bolin highlighted Float-In activities, changes made this year to score activities, and consideration next year of holding the dingy race in the cardboard boats built in the preceding event. Comments were requested either in newsletters, email, or phone.

PRYCA Treas Report

Opening Balance	\$6300
Paid expenses	800
Closing Balance	<u>\$5500</u>

Old Business – None

New Business

- Nominations Committee Report – slate for 1999 Bridge (see attachment) Elections will be held at the November Delegates Meeting at Capital YC. This year there were more people interested in Bridge positions than positions available, therefore, we encourage them to volunteer for the various committees that support PRYCA efforts.
- MALs should contact their clubs for information to include in their reports and to give to Ned Rhodes for the newsletter by 10/19/98.
- VC Mark Viehoever – The new president of the Washington Waterfront Association, Jim Forrest, Comm of Capital YC, is heading up a committee to bring the tall ships to Washington. He also announced the date for the Parade of Lights, December 5th. More information will be sent to clubs so their members may participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Storey, Secretary




Statement of Financial Condition
September 30, 1998

Opening Balance		<u>\$6,315.97</u>
Deposits:		
Void Ck # 695	\$11.60	
Inventory Sales	\$54.00	
Interest	\$8.76	
Total Deposits:		<u>\$74.36</u>
Expenses:		
KB Design (inventory)	\$716.50	#734
Andrea Storey	\$111.30	#735
Waste Management (Float-in)	\$75.00	#736
Roelina Lavoie	\$46.97	#737
Total Expenses:		<u>\$949.77</u>
Closing Balance		<u>\$5,440.56</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen A. Wexler,
Treasurer

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	
Dec 7	PRYCA Board Meeting @ Seafarers YC
Dec 12	CBYCA Commodore's Ball
Jan 30	PRYCA Change of Watch



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